

The Robb Center Report

Andover's Senior Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2023 

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Hispanic Latino Heritage Month Celebration: Tuesday, September 19 from 12pm-1:30pm— Join us as we celebrate Hispanic Latino Culture by learning how to make fresh pico de gallo & guacamole, by learning some dance moves with Lourdes and by appreciating the live traditional music of Felix Rodriguez. Lunch will be chicken & cheese quesadillas. Tickets are \$10. Tickets go on sale September 1 for Andover Residents and September 6 for non-Andover Residents. *Sponsored by the Andover Senior Community Friends.*



Fall Craft Sale: Stop by The Robb Center on Thursday, September 7 from 9:00am-6:00pm or on Friday, September 8 from 9:00am-2:00pm— We will be selling beautiful handmade crafts from the Wednesday Crafting Group. Items available include wreaths, plants and trinkets. Cash & Check only

English Afternoon Tea: A Presentation & Tasting - Tuesday, September 5 at 2pm—Enjoy a relaxing afternoon with Tea Sommelier Allyson Irish, who will share information about the fascinating history of English Afternoon Tea, including the woman who started this tradition, some fun tea facts, the six main types of tea, and some common tea etiquette. You'll also have the opportunity to try some different teas along with English tea treats. *Registration Required.*



Magic of Lyn: Thursday, September 21 at 6:00pm—Join us for an incredible magic show by the show-stopping, award-winning illusionist Lyn Dillies. Lyn has performed at Lincoln Center in NYC, Carnegie Hall, and all across the country. *Sponsored by the Andover Senior Community Friends. Registration Requested.*



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CENTER HOURS

Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 8:00 am—4:00 pm
Thursday 8:00 am—8:00 pm

WHAT IS THE ROBB CENTER?

The Andover Robb Center is the home of the Elder Services Division. We offer a wide variety of programs and services to support the community.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

For programs that do not have an associated fee, you may register in-person at the front desk, or on myactivecenter.com or by calling the center.

For programs with an associated fee, you may register in-person at the front desk or by calling the center.

Payment is due upon confirmation that the program has met minimum enrollment.

Due to popularity, Andover residents are allowed early registration when noted in the program description.

Phone: (978) 623-8320

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REFUND POLICY

Should a patron request a refund for a class, trip or event, The Robb Center will fully reimburse a credit towards a future program or class. If the patron would like a refund check mailed to them, the processing fee will be 10% of the full amount.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Andover Elder Services will mirror Andover Public Schools' snow cancellation schedule. When school is cancelled, Meals on Wheels is cancelled, Supportive Day will be closed, and all in-person programs will be closed. All virtual programs will be held and staff is available to offer assistance.



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Dull Men's Club: Thursday, September 7 & 21 at 10:00am— The DMC meets at the Robb Center on the first and third Thursdays every month. Come along and join in on an informal round table discussion of current events, history, technology, medicine, sports, and travel. Perhaps you might share an anecdote or joke with your fellow "Old Guy's." We do not discuss politics or religion.



Ice Cream Social from Representative Frank Moran—Wednesday, September 6 at 1:00pm



AARP Smart Driver Safety Course by Doug Prentiss: Friday, September 8 from 9:30am-3:30pm - Topics include the current rules of the road, how to understand new traffic control devices, some of the new technical features in vehicles, and how to operate a vehicle in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. *Sponsored in part by the Andover Senior Community Friends. Registration Required.*

Andover Photography Connection (APC): Join this group of photo enthusiasts to share photography techniques, interests & experiences. We will meet on the second Friday of each month at 10am.

Non-Fiction Book Club: Monday, September 11 at 10:00am—This club explores contemporary issues, history, biography and more. The group meets at The Robb Center. Group contact is Joanne at joannedahlgrenma@gmail.com.

Protect Your Home and Properties Presentation by the Registrar of Deeds: Wednesday, September 20 at 1:30pm—M. Paul Iannuccillo, Registrar of Deeds, will be discussing various topics in relation to the protection of your properties. Topics include: Homestead Declarations, Fraud Scams on Properties, and Consumer Notification Service. Questions will be welcomed.

American Art: Part 3: Tuesday, September 26 at 2:00pm- Join us for a look at how art in America evolved in the modern era, from Pop Art to Grandma Moses, how it took the seat of power with all its new directions, energy, and nerve. You can't "like" it all, but you may go home with more than you thought. Where in the world do you think it is going next? This presentation will be on Zoom with a live audience at The Robb Center. *Sponsored by the Andover Cultural Council.*

Bathsheba Spooner: A Revolutionary Murder Conspiracy by author Andrew Noone: Wednesday, September 27 at 1:30pm— What possessed a woman from the elite of eighteenth-century New England society to conspire with American and British soldiers to murder her husband at the midpoint of the American Revolution? The story of Bathsheba Spooner has alternately fascinated and baffled residents of Worcester County for centuries.



Men's Breakfast: Tuesday, September 26 at 8:30am— Enjoy pancakes, sausages, home fries, orange juice & coffee. The presentation this month will be "One Man's Experience with The Big Dig" by Bill Szekely. *Registration required. \$6 fee.*

Healthy Eating Discussion Group with Cherie Monahan, RN, Public Health Nurse: The Healthy Eating Discussion Group will meet on Wednesday, September 27 at 1:00pm. Join us to discuss all the ways we can support our physical well-being through healthy eating. New members welcome!

Book Club: Thursday, September 28 at 1:30pm —This group discusses a different book every month. *This group is currently full.*

September Birthday Social: Thursday, September 28 at 12:00pm—All are welcome! Entrée will be meatloaf. Music by Tommy Smith. Delicious desserts & raffle from Stonehill.



The Great Textile Strike of 1912, aka The Bread & Roses Strike: by Rich Padova, M. Ed, M.A.: Friday, September 29 at 10:00am—This strike in Lawrence, although not well-known everywhere, had a profound effect on working-class America during the progressive era and contributed to the reforms that created better lives for workers. Come learn more about this historic event.

Everyday:

Congregate Lunch: Monday through Friday at 12:00pm—Join us for Congregate Lunch. Reservations are required by 3pm the previous day. Reserve a seat by calling 978-623-8320. A \$3.00 donation is suggested. Daily entrées are listed on page 10.

Monday:

Quilting Group: 9:00am—Join a group of dedicated quilters to share tips and tricks.

Sunrise Singers: 9:00am—Join a wonderful choral group that performs throughout the year.

Monday Matinees: 1:00pm—Join us to watch a film on the “big screen.” Movie titles will be announced weekly.

Hand & Foot Card Game: 1:00pm

Ping-Pong: 1:00pm—Drop-in to play a round of Ping-Pong.

Tuesday:

Comfort Critters: 9:00am—This group creates little “comfort critters” that are donated to hospitals. **The group is full.**

Mah Jongg: 1:00pm—3:00pm

Social Bridge: 1:00pm—3:30pm

Drama enthusiasts? You can take a role or just be the audience! We will be reading *Flyin’ West* by Pearl Cleage and *Leopoldstadt* by Tom Stoppard Mondays at 1pm from October 2 through November 27 at the Robb Center. New and used editions are available from online vendors and some local sources. Contact Eileen Reilly at eileenreilly42@gmail.com to register or for more information.



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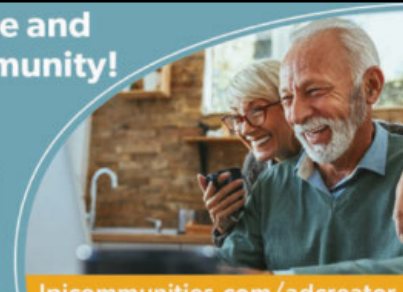
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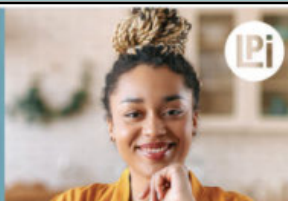
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Wednesday:

Morning Crafting Group: 9:30am–11:30am— Crafters wanted! Join this group to make crafts for various fairs that support The Robb Center.

Parler/Discute: 9:30am- French Discussion Group

The Write Stuff: 10:30am—Join this group to write novels, poems and more.

Knit Wits: 12:30pm—Join a group of knitters. New knitters are always welcome.

Basic Tap Class with Audrey: 1:00pm—All our welcome to come and dance.



Thursday:

Andover Chroniclers Meeting: Every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 9:00am—Join a group that produces videos. No experience necessary. Email andoverchroniclers@gmail.com to sign-up and ask questions. Present and past Chronicler Shows can be found on AndoverTV.org.

Scale Modeling Club: 10:00am—Join a group to discuss, build and share scale models.

Open Art Studio: 10:00am—The members of this group paint together, using different mediums, encouraging creativity and sharing tips. New members welcome.

Duplicate Bridge: 1:00pm—4:00pm

Ping-Pong: 2:00pm—Drop-in to play a round of Ping-Pong.

Ping-Pong: 6:00pm—Drop-in to play a round of Ping-Pong.

Friday:

Le Petit Dejeuner, the French Conversation

Group: 8:30am—Venez parler français dans un cadre convivial en petit groupe. Il n'y a pas de chef, alors les membres assument leurs responsabilités. Quelques fois nous lisons à haute voix un livre et tenons une conversation ouverte. À tour de rôle, choisissez un thème à présenter. La littérature française, la géographie, la culture, la grammaire ... à vous de choisir. Il faut s'inscrire. Les nombres sont limités.

English Listening Skills Series for Chinese

Speakers: 9:30am—We'll help you improve your skills in English and make "learning to listen" fun. To sign-up, please email William at weixuid@yahoo.com.

隔周五的 10:00 am: 参加安多福华人联谊会 Zoom 网上聚会 (Andover Chinese Charm Circle).请发送电子邮件给William: weixuid@yahoo.com

45s Card Playing: 1:00pm—3:30pm

Social Bridge: 1:00pm—3:30pm



YMCA Class Opportunities at The Robb Center: Join us for two free drop-in class opportunities through the end of the year. These classes are sponsored by Andover Home for the Aged People. **Walking Group - Thursdays at 9am (weather permitting):** This walking group will begin with a light warm-up and stretch and proceed around the local area for 45 minutes. The walk will finish with a light stretch. Patty Ferrulo will lead this group. It will meet at The Robb Center.

Yoga Class with Soki—Tuesdays at 2:30pm at The Robb Center: This is a gentle and therapeutic yoga for everyone. Benefits include softening tight/stiff neck and shoulders, strengthen lower back and body, boost immune system by lymphatic circulation, and improving posture. Every class will cover fundamental body alignments and variations of breathing techniques. This class does not utilize a chair.

SEPTEMBER 2023

ACTIVE LIVING & HEALTH FAIR



ACTIVE LIVING & HEALTH FAIR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

THE ROBB CENTER, 30 WHITIER COURT, ANDOVER
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



- HEALTH SCREENINGS
- FLU SHOTS AND COVID BOOSTERS*
- NUTRITION PROGRAM SAMPLING
- INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICES & PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITY
- GIVEAWAYS

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Women's Outdoor Adventure Group (WOAG): Hiking season has returned! Please contact Jane at fleecy1.godmother@verizon.net for updates.

September 14 : Taft, Ward French Reservations

September 28: TBD

For any participation in Adventure Groups, participants must sign our "Waiver for 2023" form once a year (found on our website, www.andoverma.gov/227/Elder-Services). For each individual hike, participants must register on myactivecenter.com or by calling us at 978-623-8320.



Fitness room: Our goal is to help older adults and adults with disabilities remain active, engaged and independent in their community. Fitness room hours are Monday: 8am-4pm, Tuesday: 10:30am—4pm, Wednesday: 8am-4pm, Thursday: 8am— 8pm, and Friday 8am-4pm. This room is free to Andover residents and \$100 a year for non-Andover residents. To schedule an orientation please call the front desk at 978-623-8320. Orientations are typically held on Tuesdays at 10:30am by Denise Boucher.

Dedicated Pickleball Times for Robb Center Members: Mondays & Fridays from 9am– 11am at Rec Park (147 Abbott St.). Courts 1 & 2 will be prioritized for Robb Center Members during the times listed above. Participants must bring their own equipment and sign a 2023 Robb Center Participation Waiver (forms available at the front desk). Participants must know how to play pickleball. We are not providing lessons. No registration required, this is a drop-in opportunity.

Meals on Wheels: Home Delivered Meals are available to Andover seniors. To determine your eligibility, please give us a call at 978-623-8320. Andover residents only.

Rides to The Robb Center: We provide transportation to and from the Center at no cost. Call Shawna to check availability and schedule your ride. Andover residents only.

Bus Trips:

MAMA MIA - It's the Ultimate Tribute to ABBA – Starring Dancing Dream Live! We'll be going on Thursday November 16 from approximately. 10:30am-4:00pm. The concert and lunch will be at the Danversport Yacht Club. Cost is \$115.00 all inclusive.
Christmas at the Newport Mansions. Join us to visit two of Newport's most elegant 'cottages' decorated for the Holidays in their Yuletide finery ! Cost is \$119.00 all inclusive. Lunch location as well as times to be advised.

Andover residents get priority when trips meet capacity. Costs vary, seats limited. Call 978-623-8320 for details. If a participant needs to cancel a trip for any reason, The Robb Center needs at least 48 hours from the trip to issue a credit for transportation. Cancellations with less than a 48 hour notice, will not result in a credit. After repeated cancellations, you will be placed on the waitlist for future trips. Any "Best of Times Trips" require 2 weeks notice.

Medical Transportation: We continue to provide transportation to vital medical appointments. Please call 978-623-8320 to schedule an appointment. Andover residents only.

Grocery Trips: Market Basket Plaza: Thursdays, door-to-door service. Call to register by Tuesday, every week. Cost: Free. Please call 978-623-8320 for more information. Andover residents only.

Townie Trips: Need a ride to a hair appointment or other errand? This is a Personal Ride Service that runs on Tuesdays. \$8.00 round-trip, \$5.00 one-way. Call to make an appointment 978-623-8320. Local Andover trips only.

Library Trips: Mondays, September 14 & September 28—Need a lift to the library? Riders will have time to spend at the library browsing materials, and taking advantage of all the library has to offer. Registration required. Andover residents only.

Family Caregiver Support Group:

The next meeting will be September 18 at 1:30pm at The Robb Center. Please join us for a support group for family caregivers to connect with others, share concerns, and learn about available resources.

Bereavement Support Group:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 20. A representative from Compassus will facilitate the group. Join us as we support each other and discuss some of the ways the loss of someone significant can affect our lives. Cookies & water will be provided.

Registration
Required.



Parkinson's Disease Support

Group: Thursday, September 14 at 1:30pm— Join us for the presentation, *"Deep Brain Stimulation Surgery: Awake and Asleep Approaches"* by Dr. Aronson, Functional Neurosurgeon and Director of Epilepsy Surgery at BI Deaconess Medical Center/ Harvard Medical School Faculty. For more information regarding this group, ask for Kristine or Kelly.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS® Meetings at The Robb Center: Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:00 pm. ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS® is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. Open meeting, no registration.

Summer is fading and the cool, crisp fall air is almost here. The Supportive Day Program participants are ready for cooler temperatures and are looking forward to savoring the delights of fall. We will say an unofficial good-bye to summer by delving into all about the history of Labor Day and explore how the working world has changed. We will swap ice cream for apples and have fun tasting a variety of apples grown in the New England region. We will enjoy more good food and celebrate Hispanic Latino Heritage Month by learning how to make fresh pico de gallo & guacamole. We hope to try out some smooth Latin dance moves to live traditional music. We are always looking for new members to join our group! Please contact the Robb Center at 978-623-8320 to learn more about the Supportive Day Program.



Ask the Lawyer: Monday, September 18—Offered by Justin St. James, Esquire, licensed in MA & NH. Appointments are 20 minutes in-person and scheduled in chronological order. Limit of one question/issue. Cost: Free. No tax questions, please.

Blood Pressure Clinics: Thursdays from 10:00-11:30am:- Drop-in free clinic conducted by the Board of Health.

Brown Bag “Mobile Market” : Tuesday, September 26 from 9:00-10:30am- This once a month service provides a bag of shelf stable groceries for those already approved by AgeSpan. Brown Bag may be picked up from The Robb Center between 9:00—10:30am. Applications available through AgeSpan: 978-683-7747.

Donate your glasses at The Robb Center: The Lions Club International has recognized the urgent need for corrective lenses and collects usable glasses in their communities to support the Lions Recycle For Sight Program. Just drop off your glasses at the front desk.



Need locker space? We are renting out lockers at The Robb Center for \$10 per month. Keep your fitness gear and items here at the Center. Lockers limited, first come, first served. Ask the front desk for details.



Fix-IT Shop: Monday, September 11 & 25 from 1pm-3pm Bring your lamps, small appliances, chairs, small tables and any other small project and this group will try to fix it! **Cost:** \$5 plus parts for seniors (ID required). \$10 plus parts for non-seniors and non-residents. \$2 diagnostics fee.

Food Pantry: The Merrimack Valley YMCA mobile food pantry will be at The Robb Center the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. In September, the mobile food pantry will be here on Wednesday, September 13. The van will be located by the Robb Center Patio. Food bags will be distributed on a first-come, first served basis.

Hearing Aid Checks/Cleanings and Hearing Screenings—Friday, September 1 from 9:30am—10:30am by Wendy Ring from the Andover Hearing Center, LLC. Drop-in clinic.

Mend-It Shop: Friday, September 8 & 22 from 1-3pm at The Robb Center- Need a clothing article fixed? Stop by to see if we can help!
Services Offered:



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Balance Screenings with McKenzie DiStefano from Strength & Balance Physical Therapy: Friday, September 22. McKenzie will look at your overall strength, balance and risk for falls. McKenzie will then provide you with some recommendations in areas you may need to strengthen. Call for an appointment 978-623-8320 .

Technology Help Desk—Tuesdays at 10:00am: Have questions about your phone, tablet or other device? Our team of tech experts is here to help.

Hospital Equipment Loan Program: Offered by Masonry in Action who will lend, at no cost, home-use health/hospital equipment to those in need. This organization also accepts donations. Saturdays only from 9am– 12pm. Call or visit 781-322-1052 or <https://smd-help.org/>

SEPTEMBER 2023 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Menu items subject to change. With 24 HOUR NOTICE a veggie burger can be served at congregate lunch instead of planned meal.</p> <p>For a large print calendar, please see the front desk.</p>				<p>1</p> <p>8:30 French Group 9:30 Hearing Aide 9:30 ESL Class Beer Battered Fish 1:00 45s 1:00 Social Bridge 2:00 Tai Chi Fan</p>
	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 Comfort Critters 10:00 Tech Help Cheese Ravioli 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Social Bridge 2:00 High Tea Presentation</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30 Crafting 9:30 Parler/ Discute 10:30 Write Stuff Citrus Glazed Chicken 12:30 Knit Wits 1:00 Ice Cream Social 1:00 Tap Class</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am-6pm CRAFT SALE 10:00 DMC 10:00 Scale Modeling 10:00 Open Art 10:00 BP Clinic Shepard's Pie 1:00 Duplicate Bridge 2:00 Ping Pong 5:00 LGBTQ+ Social</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9am-2pm CRAFT SALE 8:30 French Group 9:30am AARP Class 10:00 Andover Photo Connection 10:00 ACCC Chicken Cacciatore 1:00 45s 1:00 Mend-It shop 1:00 Social Bridge 2:00 Tai Chi Fan</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:00 Sunrise Singers 9:00 Quilting Group 10:00 Non-Fiction Hot Dog 1:00 Matinee 1:00 Ping-Pong 1:00 Fix-it Shop</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 Comfort Critters 10:00 Tech Help Honey Mustard Chicken 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Social Bridge</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Active Living & Health Fair 10am-2pm <i>All other activities are cancelled for the day</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 WOAG 10:00 Scale Modeling 10:00 Open Art 10:00 BP Clinic Stuffed Chicken 1:00 Duplicate Bridge 2:00 Ping Pong 2:00pm Blood Drive</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:30 French Group 9:30 ESL Class Lemon Pepper Cod 1:00 45s 1:00 Social Bridge 2:00 Tai Chi Fan</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:00 Ask the Lawyer 9:00 Sunrise Singers 9:00 Quilting Group Stuffed Shells 1:00 Matinee 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:00 Ping-Pong</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 Comfort Critters 10:00 Tech Help Hispanic Latino Heritage Month 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Social Bridge 1:30 Watercolor Class</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 Crafting 9:30 Parler/ Discute 10:30 Write Stuff Chicken Pot Pie 12:30 Knit Wits 1:00 Tap Class 1:30 Registry Deeds 2:00 Bereavement</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00 DMC 10:00 Scale Modeling 10:00 Open Art 10:00 BP Clinic Chicken Meatball Subs 1:00 Duplicate Bridge 2:00 Ping Pong 6:00 Magic of Lyn</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:30 French Group 9:00 Balance Screening 10:00 ACCC Bacon & Onion Quiche 1:00 45s 1:00 Social Bridge 1:00 Mend-It shop 2:00 Tai Chi Fan</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:00 Sunrise Singers 9:00 Quilting Group Lemon Rosemary Chicken 1:00 Matinee 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:00 Ping-Pong 1:00 Fix-it Shop</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:30 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Brown Bag 9:00 Comfort Critters 10:00 Tech Help Beef Stew 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Social Bridge 1:30 Watercolor 2:00 American Art</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30 Crafting 9:30 Parler/ Discute 10:30 Write Stuff BBQ Pork Tenderloin 12:30 Knit Wits 1:00 Healthy Eating 1:00 Tap Class 1:30 Bathsheba Spooner</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 WOAG 10:00 Scale Modeling 10:00 Open Art 10:00 BP Clinic Birthday Lunch 1:00 Duplicate Bridge 1:30 Book Club 2:00 Ping Pong 6:00 CAAA Concert</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:30 French Group 9:30 ESL Class 10:00 Great Textile Strike Baked Cod 1:00 45s 1:00 Social Bridge 2:00 Tai Chi Fan</p>

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Thursday Night Schedule!



Every Thursday Night:

- Ping-Pong from 4-8pm
- Fitness Room is open 8am-8pm

Special Events: Registration required for all special events.

- **September 7 at 6:00pm: LGBTQ+ & Allies Social:** LGBTQ+ & Allies are all welcome to attend a fun night of making connections and celebrating the LGBTQ+ community. Dinner will be provided by Agespan. We will incorporate fun & games into the evening.
- **September 14 from 2:00pm—7:00pm: Blood Drive**  Visit www.redcrossblood.org to register.
- **September 21 at 6:00pm—Magic of Lyn—** Details on Page 1
- **September 28 at 6:00pm-8:00pm-** The Chinese American Association of Andover is excited to host a concert at The Robb Center on Thursday, September 28 at 6:00 PM! Join us for an evening of music performed by youth of all ages, on instruments from the piano to guzheng!

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FY25 SCRPT (Senior Citizen Residential Property Tax Work Off) Volunteer Program—It's that time of year again –Enrollment/renewal for the SCRPT Volunteer Program begins October 1st! - New volunteers must contact Ashley English, Services Program Coordinator (after September 8), at 978-623-8320 for phone interview. If you are currently enrolled and would like to renew, an email will be sent to you with FY25 renewal paperwork attached. Renewal forms will also be available at The Robb Center Front Desk or mailed upon request. Deadline to enroll/renew is Wednesday, November 15th.

Friday, December 1 we will be hosting our annual Holiday Bazaar! Join us to purchase your baked goods, crafts, and other fabulous finds.



If you have any quality items to donate to the white elephant table, we will begin accepting donations in November. We do not accept electronics, medical devices, clothing, fabric, used puzzles, furniture, or anything perishable.



If you are interested in becoming part of the Holiday Bazaar Volunteer Team, please join us at our next meeting on Monday, September 18 at 1pm at The Robb Center.

For any questions, contact Kelly McShane at kelly.mcshane@andoverma.us



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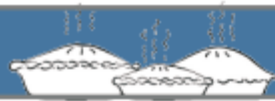
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Representative Tram Nguyen Office Hours: State Rep. Tram Nguyen continues to hold virtual office hours on the first Friday of the month, 10-11am, and the third Tuesday, 5-6pm, via Zoom. The dates for September are Friday, September 1 and Tuesday, September 19. Please sign up at least 24 hours ahead of time using this link: <https://calendly.com/teamtram/officehours>. As always, you can reach out to Rep. Nguyen's office at any time to discuss an issue. Simply email her Legislative Director Tobin Abraham at Tobin.Abraham@mahouse.gov, or call 617-722-2680.





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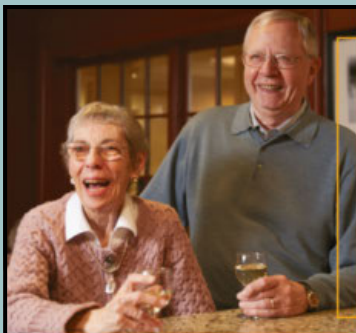
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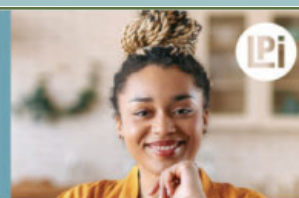
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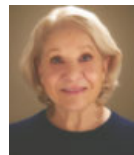
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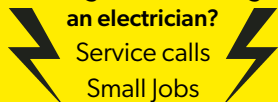
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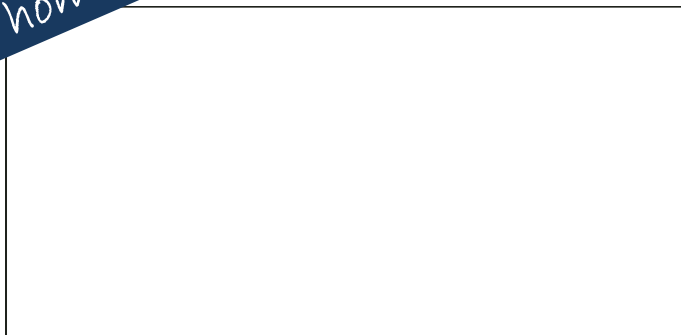


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